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Hongkong, January 3, 1912.

THE MAGISTRACY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The following report upon the police
magistrates' for the year 1912 signed by
Mr. F. A. Hazeland, was submitted to the
Legislative Council on Thursday.

Mr. Hazeland, First Police Magistrate,
was on leave from 1st January to 15th
November and Mr. Irving, Director of
Education, acted as First Police Magistrate
during his absence.

Mr. Wood, Second Police Magistrate,
acted as Director of Education from 1st
January to 17th September and went on
leave on 18th September.

Throughout the year Mr. Melbourne,
Deputy Registrar and Appraiser, acted as
second Police Magistrate.

Mr. Woodcock, Clerk to the Magistrates,
acted as Assistant Land Officer in addition
to his own duties from 1st January to 28th
November.

The number of cases was 13,450 as compared
with 10,471 in 1911; the revenue was \$29,253.10
as compared with \$22,464.87 for 1911.

OIL FOR THE FLEET.

The British Admiralty have given in-
structions for another oil-carrying vessel
to be laid down at Pembroke Dockyard,
which will raise to ten the number of such
vessels built or building for the Navy.
Altogether the supply of oil fuel to the
Fleet will cost over a million sterling in
the current financial year. There are
now in commission about eighty torpedo-
boats and destroyers which burn oil fuel
exclusively, and the number is being in-
creased rapidly by the delivery of new
vessels, as no torpedo boat should be pre-
pared for it. It is very risky to wait until
the attack of crump appears and then re-
sist medicines and let the child suffer until
it can be obtained. Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy is prompt and efficient and has
never been known to fail in any case.
Always have a bottle of the "Cough Re-
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THIS disease is so dangerous and so
rapid in its development that very
much of young children should be pre-
pared for it. It is very risky to wait until
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BUSINESS NOTICES.

PETER'S, NESTLÉ'S & KOHLER'S
CHOCOLATE.

PRIZE COMPETITION No. 3.

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Hongkong, September 5, 1908.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE SECOND GYMKHANA MEET-

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HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, the 31st

May, 1913, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00

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Hongkong, May 28, 1913.

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FOR THE EAST, TOKYO.

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Outstanding Insurance amounts

to.....\$282,553,220.

Assets amount to.....\$104,068,555.

Surplus amounts to.....\$17,823,766.

Dividends to Policyholders

1910.....10,575,157.

Total paid Policyholders 1910

53,438,380.

Total Expenses for 1910.....10,392,073.

Gross earnings from Interest

and Rents for 1910.....21,846,529.

Gross rate of Income from

Investments 1910.....4.45%

Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1912.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE CO.

IN WHICH ARE VESTED THE SHARES OF

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LTD.,

and

THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS

ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1911,

\$22,561,236.

Authorized Capital \$4,000,000.

Subscribed Capital \$4,000,000.

Paid-up Capital.....\$2,437,500.

II—Fire Funds.....\$3,399,114.

III—Life & Annuity Funds.....16,126,150.

Slaking Fund Account.....\$3,613.

\$22,561,236.

Revenue Fire Branch.....\$2,567,153.

Life & Annuity Branch.....1,973,269.

Revenue Marine Department.....222,032.

Other Receipts.....430,193.

\$5,233,312.

The Accumulative Funds of the various

Branches are separately invested, and, by

Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet

the claims under the respective Depart-

ments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO

Agents.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

WING FAT CHEONG,

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TROPICAL SUITINGS - - from \$28.00.

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Hongkong, April 4, 1913.

MEE CHEUNG

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ONLY the very best kept at prices that astonish our rivals.

A Trial will convince you that THE HOUSE that

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Estimates furnished on application.

Hongkong, April 1, 1912.

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Weismann, Limited.

Hongkong, July 20, 1910.

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The Mark of Purity.

"BOURNVILLE COCOA represents the

highest grade of nutritive cocoa at present on

the market; it fully maintains its high repu-

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Medical Magazine, March, 1912

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Specially Packed for Export

FROM "THE FACTORY IN A GARDEN," BOURNVILLE, ENG.

MEDICAL AUTHORITIES advise you

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THE Undersecretary has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned),

SATURDAY
the 31st May, 1913, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A NUMBER OF PAIRS OF
LADY'S BLACK AND TAN
BOOTS & SHOES,
A QUANTITY OF
DRESS MATERIALS, ETC., ETC.
All of Superior Quality.
Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, May 28, 1913.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersecretary has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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the 4th June, 1913, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A LARGE QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE TEAKWOOD
FURNITURE,
INCLUDING—
SUNDRY—BLACKWOOD,
AND A FEW PIECES OF
OLD—CHINESE PORCELAIN.

TEAKWOOD—Dining and Drawing Room Suites, Upholstered Chairs and Sofas, 3 Carpets and Sundry Rugs, Bed Room Suite, Double and Single Beds, and Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Cots, Bureaux, Wardrobes, Washstands, etc., Dining Room Furniture, etc., 2 Dinner Services and Dessert Service, Crockery, Electro-plated and a quantity of good Glass Ware, 1 Cooking Stove, Kitchen Utensils, Ironed Ware, Cutlery, etc.

BLACKWOOD—Large Blackwood Wardrobes Pearl Inlaid (from Canton), Cabinets, Couches, Settees, Arm-chairs, Stands, Jardinieres, Hall and Tea Tables, Toppies, etc., Blackwood Brackets and Photo Frames, Desk, etc., etc.

Also
Electric Fans, (Large and Small) including Ceiling Fan, Standard Lamps, 2 Marble Clocks, 100 Candles, 1 Remington Typewriter, 2 Pianos (1 Collard & Collard),

A large number of Pairs of White and Cream Lace Curtains to be sold in small lots, and a number of new Mosquito Curtains.

Catalogues will be issued.
Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, May 27, 1913.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersecretary has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned),

SATURDAY
the 7th June, 1913, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A NEW CONSIGNMENT OF
Turkish Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Handkerchiefs, Face Towels, Single and Double Pillow Cases, Bolster Cases, Single and Double Bed Quilts, Tray & Pillow Cloths, Bath Mats, Ladies' and Gent's Handkerchiefs, Damask Table Cloths and Serviettes, Gent's Summer Vests, White and Cream Lace Curtains, Ladies' and Gent's Hosiery, Irish embroidered Robes, and a few lots of English made Tunic Shirts.

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, May 26, 1913.

**SHE DID THE SAME AS
HER HUSBAND.**

How a Rangoon Lady Cured Herself of Intolerable Eczema with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"I think it would be of interest to you to learn of the great help Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been to me," recently wrote Mrs. Holder, wife of Mr. A. E. Holder, Civil Engineer, of 22 Lewis Street, Rangoon. "I was suffering from Weeping Eczema, as the doctors called it, on both my hands. It started by a redness of the skin and a smarting itching—especially during the nights. Soon small sores formed which I had the greatest difficulty in keeping myself from scratching. The



Mrs. Holder, of Rangoon Burma.

Even my sleep all over back of my hands, which in time were
In a Pitiful Condition
"Ointments were prescribed and applied, my hands being bandaged up for hours at a time, but I secured no relief from them. In fact my hands got worse with the use of some of them and were treated at the Hospital, but with similar results. On several occasions medical men told me that my blood was in a most impure condition."

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With Wonderful Results:
his blood previous to this treatment was probably in a similar state. But Dr. Williams' Pink Pills built him up, making him as strong as healthy as he was when I first knew him, so I made up my mind to give these Pills a trial. A supply was bought and treatment started. Then the irritation on my hands gradually ceased, and the redness and those unsightly sores vanished."

"Since my cures I have had no eruption of the skin whatever. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are indeed a blessing to those suffering from impoverished blood."
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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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the 31st May, 1913, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A QUANTITY OF
WINES, SPIRITS AND LIQUEURS.

As follows:—
Whiskies, Brandy, Gins, (various Brands), Sherries, Ports, Liqueurs, French and Italian Vermouth, etc., etc.
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Hongkong September 4, 1909.

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An Interesting Statement.

The Harbour Master, Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., has issued his report for the year 1912, and it gives an insight into the enormous shipping business of Hongkong.

The report states that the total of the shipping entering and clearing at ports in the Colony during the year 1912 amounted to 488,640 vessels of 38,735,119 tons, which, compared with figures for 1911, shows a decrease of 64,540 vessels, with an increase of 555,997 tons. Of the above, 46,003 vessels of 24,269,270 tons were engaged in foreign trade, as against 44,978 of 20,060,108 tons in 1911. The movements of fishing junks are not included in the above figures. Of ships of European construction, 4,154 ocean steamers, 1 sailing ship, 1,451 river steamers, and 1,092 steam-launches (not exceeding 60 tons) entered during the year, giving a daily average entry of 287 ships, as compared with 28.0 in 1911, and 28.7 in 1910. The average tonnage of individual ocean vessels entering the port has increased from 2,485.1 tons to 2,575.7 tons; that of British ships has increased from 2,631.5 tons to 2,718.4 tons, while that of foreign ships has increased from 2,355.7 tons to 2,457 tons. During the past 20 years, the average tonnage of ocean vessels has increased from 1,154.9 tons to 1,600.2 tons. The average tonnage of river steamers entered during the year has increased from 584.9 tons to 595.1 tons. That of British river steamers has increased from 590 tons to 612.5 tons, and that of foreign river steamers has increased from 518 tons to 515.1 tons. There is an increase in British steam shipping of 49 ships of 189,275 tons, or of 1.25 per cent. in numbers and 2.49 per cent. in tonnage. This is due to improved trade, high freights, and a greater demand for tonnage. The advent of British India Steamship Company's vessels to the Colony is also a factor. British river steamers have increased by 97 ships of 81,008 tons or 1.11 per cent. in numbers and 1.97 per cent. in tonnage. This is explained by the increased number of trips made by the steamships Wing On and Wing Hing, the former having made 820 more trips than she did in 1911, and the latter 12. River steamers generally have run more frequently. Foreign ocean vessels show an increase of 187 ships of 674,680 tons of 4.47 per cent. in numbers and 8.5 per cent. in tonnage. This result is due to increases in Japanese, Austrian, Chinese, Portuguese, and Russian steamers. Against this there are considerable decreases in German, Norwegian, Danish, French and Dutch steamers.

Foreign River steamers.—Here is an increase of 315 ships of 158,292 tons, or 2.21 per cent. in numbers and 21.5 per cent. in tonnage. This is accounted for by the greater number of trips made during the year by French and Chinese steamers. In steamships not exceeding 60 tons employed in foreign trade, an increase of 718 ships of 20,520 tons, or 22 per cent. in numbers and 15.7 per cent. in tonnage is shown. This appears to be due to the greater number of launches running with passengers and cargo to places in Chinese territory more especially to the eastward. Some of the launches on this run were hitherto employed in towing lighters, etc., in the harbour, but are no longer able to obtain such employment. In junks in foreign trade, an increase is reported of 259 vessels of 81,087 tons, or 1.1 per cent. in numbers and 3.2 per cent. in tonnage. This is accounted for by the increased control over these vessels, effected by the new system of licensing inaugurated only in 1912, having resulted in more accurate reports of their movements. In local trade, large reductions are reported. Steam-launches in local trade show a decrease of 49,994 ships of 972,566 tons, or 10.8 per cent. in numbers and 3.4 per cent. in tonnage. This is explained by the fact that almost all towing in the harbour, which formerly was done by small licensed launches, hired for the purpose by the European and Japanese firms concerned, is now done by the unlicensed private launches belonging to those firms. Junks in local trade show a falling off of 5,652 vessels of 277,570 tons, or 18.1 per cent. in numbers and 18 per cent. in tonnage. For this large decrease it is difficult to account, but more than half of it is certainly due to the Sanitary Department employing steam barges for a large part of the scavenging work. The remainder of the decrease is probably due to the new system of licensing not having been properly understood by the boat population, with the result that full figures were not at first forthcoming. It is interesting to note that the entries of ocean steamers during the last quarter of the year show an excess over the average of the three previous quarters, of 122 ships of 175,022 tons. This is accounted for by the unprecedented demand for tonnage, during the closing months of the year, and consequent rise in freights. The actual number of ocean vessels of European construction, entering during 1912 was 724, of which 336 were British and 388 were foreign. In 1911 there were 720: 348 British and 372 foreign. These 724 ships measured 1,862,287 tons. They entered 4,155 times, and gave a collective tonnage of 8,185,106 tons. Thus, compared with 1911, 4 more ships with a tonnage greater by 55,789 tons, entered 100 more times, and a collective tonnage greater by 480,108 tons.

The 336 British ships carried 9,880 British officers and 10 foreign officers, the latter consisting of 4 U.S.A., 8 Dutch, 1 Swiss, 1 Norwegian and 1 German. Thus, the proportion of foreign officers serving in British ships was 0.03.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT

AUCTIONEER

SHARE & GENERAL BROKER.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersecretary has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY
the 31st May, 1913, commencing at 11 A.M., at his Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE,
(Almost New).

Full Particulars from Catalogue. On view from Friday, the 26th May. Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
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Hongkong, May 20, 1913.

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Comprising: Hongkong, Straits, Malacca, and others.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, May 27, 1913.

THE CHINA MAIL.

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Manufacturers of SEVES DES ALPES.
pronounced by those who use the best hairwash to prevent the falling out of hair.
J. O. SOPIESS, Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 8, 1913.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

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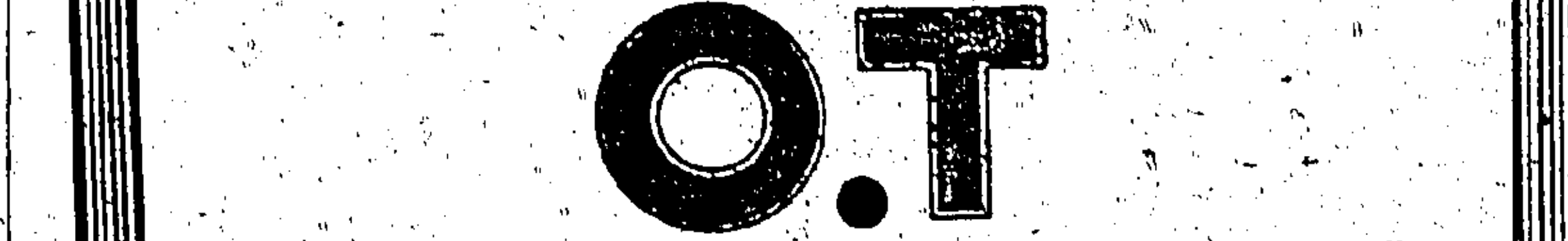
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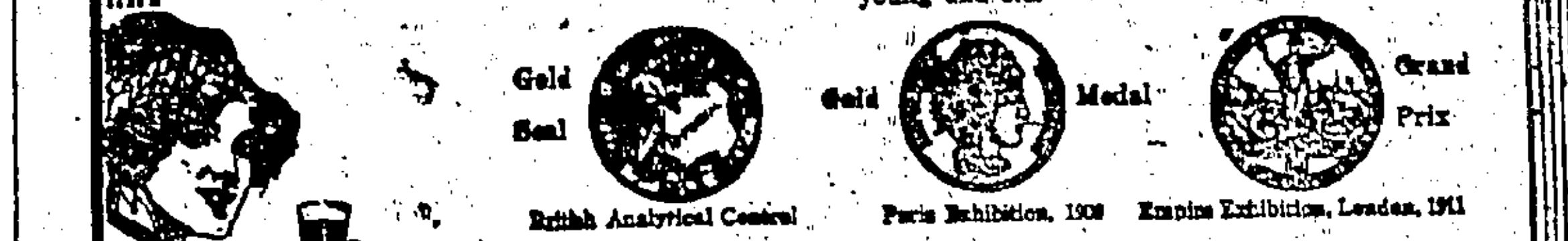
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The year 1912 was the driest on record in the New Territories, only 62.13 inches of rain being registered in the Tai Po rain gauge, as against an average of 90.40 for the last six years. The first crop of rice was just saved by a timely fall of rain in June, and was nearly up to the average, while good prices were realised owing to the drought and disorder in the neighbouring Chinese Territory, which were together responsible for a scanty harvest. The second rice crop came in for a severe drought in September and October, and was very poor in consequence. Sweet potatoes, sugar-cane and peanuts all did well in the beginning of the year, and the latter realised higher prices than usual.

Fruit growing began on a considerable scale in the Fan Ling district. Mr. Ho Tung planted several acres, chiefly of lychees, on his land by the road from Fan Ling to San Tin, and near Fan Ling Station an extensive fruit farm has been opened by a Chinese company in Hongkong; with it are combined a distillery and a chicken farm. In addition to the last named venture, the first steps were taken towards the erection of a new village close to San Wai about a mile eastward from Fan Ling. The prosperity of the Fan Ling valley was further evidenced by the number of new houses which sprang up; and the demand for these was so large both here and elsewhere throughout the Territory as to cause a considerable boom in the brick-making industry.

LAND OFFICE.

Eight hundred and sixty-five deeds were registered during the year. This is only slightly above the average for the last seven years during which the Land Ordinance has been in force. There is no doubt that much land changes hands without registration, and it is probable that not more than 10 per cent. of mortgages on land in the less accessible parts of the district are registered. The journey from Lantau is an almost insuperable obstacle, and "stamped paper" is generally considered sufficient security.

Thirty-five auctions were held during the year and 14 sales by private treaty. In all 1,700 acres were sold with a premium of \$1,138.00 and Crown Rent of \$118.25. Fifty-eight lots were resumed, all of these being in connection with improvements at Tai Po. The total area of resumed land was 11,97 acres at a cost of \$4,833.18. Fifty-four lots were voluntarily surrendered and 84 were re-registered for failure to pay Crown Rent. Nine grave certificates were issued.

REVENUE.

The transfer of Tsim Wan to the Southern District makes a comparison with last year's returns misleading. Tsim Wan represents a Crown rent of \$3,800. Excluding this amount the Crown rent collected in 1912 falls short by \$860 of that collected in 1911. This is accounted for partly by late payment of arrears in 1912, which were credited to 1911, and partly by certain half-yearly payments of which both instalments were credited to 1911 but only one to 1912. It is noticeable that only \$27 short of the full collection was collected during the year. Tsim Wan is also accountable for the increased revenue from forestry licences, pineapple licences and water wheel licences. The stone quarry at Ohai Lap Kok after its failure last year was reopened at a more normal rental of \$95 a month.

The number of earth permits points to considerable activity in building. Matched permits have fallen off proportionately. The increase in Harbour Office receipts is due to the raising of the scale of harbour dues. Quarry returns on the other hand show a falling off owing to the small demand in 1912.

CROPS.

The first rice crop was an exceptionally good one for a district not essentially a rice growing district. The second crop suffered somewhat from drought in October or, in the case of Cheung Chau and the east of Lantau Island from a serious blight. Sweet potatoes vegetable land were poor, but those planted on paddy land after the rice harvest promise well, thanks to the timely rains in December and January. A fine crop of wheat was raised on a few acres, which are not planted on an extensive scale and are chiefly for home consumption, were well up to the average. Onions from Tsim Wan continue to find a ready sale in Hongkong. Pineapples, grown only in Tsim Wan and Tsim Sha Tsui, were a fine crop. Nearly four hundred acres were under pineapples and thirty fresh applications have been received. There is no sugar cane in the Southern District.

LIQUOR.

The total receipts collected on liquor distilled in the Southern District amount to \$100,700.07. There are ten distilleries in Tsim Wan representing a revenue of \$30,000. This accounts for the great increase over last year's receipts. The distilleries of Tsim Wan, there are eight distilleries on the mainland, including the large distillery at Shan Shui Po which alone for \$34,000

BY TELEGRAPH.

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AMERICA AND JAPAN.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S STRATAGEM.

LONDON, May 30. During the hearing of a libel action, in which Mr. Roosevelt was plaintiff, Mr. O'Laughlin, formerly his Assistant Secretary of State, incidentally testified that Mr. Roosevelt ordered the fleet round the world to prevent war was perfectly evident Japan would not go to war if America was plainly the more powerful, and this was the measure that Mr. Roosevelt took to prevent war.

BRITISH POLITICS.

ALTRINCHAM BY-ELECTION RESULT.

LONDON, May 30. In the Altrincham by-election, Mr. Hamilton, the Unionist candidate, was successful with a poll of 4,450 votes. His opponent was Mr. Kay Shuttleworth (Liberal) who polled 3,147 votes. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. J. R. Kaby-Fletcher (C.) whose majority was 233.

TURCO-BALKANS WAR.

THE ALLIES' ENTANGLEMENT.

LONDON, May 29. The clause in the Serbo-Bulgarian Treaty gave Serbia an outlet in the Adriatic, and her dispossession thereof by the Powers entitled her to compensation at the hands of Bulgaria. Moreover, the events of the war made it desirable that Serbia should have a common frontier with Greece to secure access to Salonika. Bulgaria, further, by demanding Adrianople and the region east of that city had prolonged the war and brought Serbia's help. Serbia sent troops to Thrace, though she was not required to do so by Treaty, and was thus compelled to raise a supplementary force of 100,000, besides sending to Park Modar siege artillery, which the Bulgarians did not possess. Serbia was offered the whole of the Vardar Valley, together with Salonika, if she voluntarily abandoned her claim in the Adriatic, and did not support the Bulgarians at Thrace, but she refused in the interests of the Alliance.

SERBIA'S POSITION.

A message from Belgrade states that the Premier, M. Pasic, made a statement in the Chamber. He said that Serbia in February asked Bulgaria to revise the secret Serbo-Bulgarian Treaty in accordance with the unexpected development. It was not to allow the Powers to intervene in the division of the conquests. Bulgaria refused to negotiate to this end, Serbia had recently renewed overtures and he hoped that these would be received in a friendly spirit.

The situation is considered serious in Belgrade. All officers have been recalled from leave, and the railways have been reserved for military purposes. The general opinion is that Bulgaria will assent to the revision.

A message from Sofia states that the statement by the Serbian Premier has created a bad impression in the Bulgarian capital, but it is hoped that the meeting between M. Pasic and M. Guechoff, the Bulgarian Premier, on Saturday, will relieve the situation.

ANXIETY FEEL.

Although the possibilities of war among the Balkanites is anxiously discussed, the firmness of Sir Edward Grey has deeply impressed Greece and Serbia. It is expected that both countries will sign the peace preliminaries to-day.

BULGARIA'S ATTITUDE.

The Bulgarian delegates will sign the treaty of peace to-morrow, as it stands.

Sir Edward Grey informed them this afternoon that the treaty had to be signed to-morrow and asked them whether they were going to sign. This intimation is regarded as signifying that the question of protocols or conventions which the Servians declared they must approve before signing will have to remain in abeyance till after the signing of the treaty.

The Turkish delegates agree that the Bulgarians will not consider extraneous matters till they have signed the treaty. The Bulgarians declined to participate in a meeting held this afternoon to discuss certain conventions, not desiring further differences of opinion to cause delay.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

A DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

6 KILLED; MANY INJURED.

LONDON, May 30. A telegram from Paris states that 6 people have been killed and many injured by an explosion of dynamite in a factory at Port Vendee.

THE DERBY.

THE FRENCH CANDIDATE ARRIVES.

LONDON, May 30. Nimbus, the French candidate for Derby honours, arrived at Folkestone yesterday, and proceeds to Newmarket to-day.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE IN VIENNA.

AUSTRIAN COLONEL'S DOWNFALL.

LONDON, May 30. A telegram from Vienna states that a sensation has been caused by the suicide of Colonel Redl, an active officer on the General Staff.

The well-informed "Military Rundschau" states that the suicide was committed when Colonel Redl was on the point of being arrested on charges of immorality and of selling official secrets to a Foreign power.

AMERICAN TARIFF BILL.

AN IMPORTANT ALTERATION.

LONDON, May 30. A telegram from Washington states that Mr. Simmons, Chairman of the Finance Committee, has announced that after a conference with President Wilson, the 3 per cent. reduction on the imports carried in American vessels has been eliminated from the Tariff Bill.

GERMANY'S MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

DISCUSSION IN THE REICHSTAG.

LONDON, May 30. A telegram from Berlin states that the Budget Committee of the Reichstag have begun a discussion of the Bill authorising an extraordinary levy on property to meet the increased expenditure of the Defence Bills. All the Party leaders approved of the principle, but the spokesmen of the Centre, Radicals and of the National Liberals urged amendments raising the minimum value of property taxable by a graduation levy as regards both property and incomes. Finally, it was agreed that two representatives from each Group should confer with the Imperial Chancellor and arrange a compromise.

REFORMS IN THE CONGO.

GREAT BRITAIN'S RECOGNITION.

LONDON, May 30. In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey described the land and other reforms carried out in the Congo by the Belgians and said he considered there was no longer any justification for the withholding of Great Britain's recognition of the Belgian annexation.

A FRANCO-CHINESE BANK.

LONDON, May 30. The prospectus has been issued for the formation of a "Banque Industrielle Chinoise" with a capital of 45 million francs. The Chinese Republic promises to assist the bank in the development of the natural resources of China.

TSAR AND FAMILY ON TOUR.

LONDON, May 29. The Tsar, Tsarina, and family have left St. Petersburg for a tour to Vladimir, Nijni Novgorod, Moscow, and other places.

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WANGHAI MOTOR FATALITY.

Magistral Inquiry.

Mr. Hazland, at the Magistral this afternoon, held an inquiry respecting the death of a Chinese named Tang Leung who was knocked down by a motor car driven by Mr. Lauritsen, of the Dragon Cycle Depot, on the 18th inst. and who died on the way to hospital.

The following gentlemen were sworn on the Jury: Messrs. John McLeod, Edward H. Raymond, and Oscar Mayer.

The Magistrate said that the deceased was aged 45. Dr. Harold McFarlane, Medical Officer of the Hongkong Mortuary, deposed to making a post-mortem examination on the 19th inst. The body was identified by the brother of the deceased and others. The cause of death was a fracture of the skull. The ribs were bruised, and deceased was probably hit by the car and knocked his head on the ground.

Tang Chai, the half-brother of the deceased, who is a coolie living in McGregor Street, said the deceased was an active man and had been employed as a coolie. He was not near-sighted. Witness first heard of the accident at 1.15 on the 18th inst. and when he saw deceased he was unconscious and bleeding. He died on the way to hospital.

Chan Fuk, a coolie living in Wanchai Road, said that he had known the deceased for three or four years. On the day of the accident witness was squatting on the Praya East near Nullah Lane.

A motor car came along, and witness saw people running. He did not see the car actually strike the man.

The Magistrate pointed out to witness that he told Sergt. Ogg that he witnessed the accident.

Witness replied that although he did not see the car strike the man, he was there directly after.

Another coolie living at 2, Nullah Lane, was called who said that he saw the car, which was going westward at a fast rate, strike the man after he left the market. The car was avoiding three men who were playing and who ran into the road. Witness did not know the deceased.

A coolie living at 14, Amoy Lane, said that the horn of the car was not sounded, or he would have heard it. The car was going very fast.

Mr. Christen Lauritsen, proprietor of the Dragon Cycle Works, who is a licensed motor car driver, said about 1.15 on the 18th inst. he was driving a car with his wife along the Praya East west of No. 2 Police Station. He was on the left side of the road, and going at a speed of from eight to ten miles an hour. Witness saw the deceased about 25 yards ahead and sounded the horn. The man stopped, as witness thought, to let the car pass, but just as he was about to pass he stopped right in front of the car. To avoid him witness swerved the car to the left, but it was too late, and the mid-guard struck him on the ribs.

The Magistrate said if the Jury believed the evidence of Mr. Lauritsen there could be no question of negligence. The evidence given by the deceased's relatives to the police was to the effect that the deceased was near-sighted. Chan Fuk also gave the same evidence as Mr. Lauritsen. The man evidently waited until he had let the car pass, and being near-sighted he thought he could run across in front of the car.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

This universally popular feast in the Roman Catholic Church is being celebrated to-day throughout the Catholic world.

In the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception a solemn Mass was said by Bishop Pozzani, at which over 700 people participated in the Holy Communion. Three new Protectors were enrolled in the Apostleship of Prayer, the ceremony was simple and impressive and was performed by the Bishop, previous to the Mass. The Chaplet of the Sacred Heart and its beautiful altar were artistically decorated with palms and lighted by electricity. Evening service takes place at 5 o'clock, in which solemn Vespers will be sung and followed by the procession of the Blessed Sacrament within the precincts of the church, concluding with the solemn Benediction. An "At Home" will be held in the Catholic Union this evening between 9 and 11 o'clock, and the proceeds of the Sociedade Philharmonica will be in attendance.

A MONEY CHANGING TRICK.

At the Magistral before Mr. McLeod to-day, Inspector Mr. Hardy prosecuted a Chinese for attempting to obtain money by false pretences. Defendant had made up two rolls of cash to represent rolls of twenty-cent pieces. He then went to a money-changer at Wanchai and as for change for a \$ 0.11. After receiving the change, he put the rolls in his pocket, but afterwards complained that the premium was too small. Although the money-changer said he would increase the premium, the man wanted his rolls back, and then asked the money-changer to return the rolls. The money-changer said that the rolls were not his, and on opening the roll found it contained cash. Defendant was then arrested.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and four strokes.

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ABSENT DEFENDANTS.

OBJECTION TO ADJOURNMENT.

In the Summary Court this morning when the action Man Ming v. Wong Lam was called, Mr. C. F. Mason (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), applied on behalf of the defendant for an adjournment sine die, as his client, a cook on the Chiyo Maru, had left with his ship, and would not return for two and a half months.

Mr. Faithfull, representing the plaintiff, strongly objected to such an adjournment. It was perfectly unreasonable to expect plaintiffs to be kept waiting so long, and he did not see why a man should get into debt and then go away.

Mr. Mason said the debt was disputed, and the defendant could not help thinking that defendant had been rather lax in going away as he did.

Mr. Faithfull pointed out that no particulars had been filed giving particulars of the dispute on defendant's part.

His Lordship could not help thinking that defendant had been rather lax in going away as he did.

Mr. Mason offered to give Mr. Faithfull notice when the boat was expected back.

His Lordship thought defendant should take the consequence of going away, but he consented to Mr. Mason's request for a week's adjournment.

The claim was for \$131.50.

Mr. Mason objected to adjournment in the action brought by Messrs. Moulder and Company, for whom he appeared, against the "Tao Ping Nam." The claim was for \$1000, and at the last sitting day the case was put over to the next list.

Mr. W. B. Hind, of Messrs. Stratton and Hoyt, who appeared for defendant said, he was not ready to go on with the case as one of his witnesses was away, in Hongkong; he was going round to Rangoon and then coming to Hongkong again.

Mr. Mason remarked that this was the case a fortnight ago.

Mr. Hind said the witness would be back in about three weeks' time.

Mr. Mason asked for a day to be fixed for the hearing, but as his Lordship had none vacant the case had to go over to the next list.

SPORTING.

Billiards.

The match between the Royal Engineers (A) and D. C. L. I. (A) in the second round of the Volunteer Challenge Cup, commenced at the Soldiers' Club last night.

The first pair to try conclusions were Corpl. Carpenter, R. E. (A), and Sergt. Bowen, D. C. L. I. (A). They were evenly matched; Carpenter leading 50-49, while at 74 the scores were level. Bowen was leading at 150, being 101 points in front, and in the last twenty he lost a chance of winning the game with the result that Carpenter won by 11 points. Breaks, Carpenter, 17, 15, 13, 13, 11. Bowen, 17, 13, 13, 11. Scores, Corpl. Carpenter, 200; Sergt. Bowen, 189.

The second game was played by Sergt. Oester, D. C. L. I. (A) and Sapper Cox, R. E. (A). Oester went off at a terrific rate, scoring 50 while Cox obtained 3, and 100 to 60. Meanwhile Cox had compiled a grand break of 36 by means of good all round play. Oester then increased his lead passing 150 with an advantage of 45 points, and later having a lead of over 70. With his opponent wanting less than 20 for game, Cox made breaks of 38 and 16, the former a splendid effort. Oester won the game but only by the narrow margin of 13 points. Breaks, Oester, 24, 15, 15, 11, 10. Cox, 38, 36, 16, 10. Scores, Sergt. Oester 200; Sapper Cox, 187.

The last game was between Sergt. Regan, R. E. (A) and Pte. Garner D. C. L. I. (A). In this game Regan was a little lucky but played confidently and gave his opponent few openings, whereas Garner seemed very nervous. Garner was the first to reach 50, Regan's score being only one ess, but the Engineer was the first to get the hundred being 24 points to the good. Afterwards it was all Regan's game, a nice break of 24 helped him well on his way, and several smaller breaks enabled him to win by the large margin of 90 points. Breaks, Regan, 24, 14, 12, 12, 20. Garner, 27. Scores, Sergt. Regan, 200; Pte. Garner, 110.

The Royal Engineers (A) have obtained a lead of 88 points; the total scores being: R. E. (A), 587; D. C. L. I. (A), 499.

Water Polo.

V.R.C. and the Royal Engineers played at the V.R.C. Baths yesterday evening, the former winning, after a good game, by one goal to nil.

DALLAS COMEDY COMPANY.

The Dallas Comedy Company repeated "The Thief" at the Victoria Theatre last night before a very meagre audience. The play is one that calls for a considerable amount of ability from each of the members of the cast, but the Dallas Company respond to that call with ease, and the play loses none of its force in such capable hands. There are but slight variations in the cast, but all have a considerable amount of work to do, and they did it well last night. A good deal of the enjoyment of the play, however, was lost by the noise caused by the trams and other street noises.

To-night and to-morrow night "The Touch of Truth" and "Lydia" and the "Parson" will be staged.

MOTOR CAR DRIVER CHARGED.

A Chinese motor car driver was charged before Mr. Hazland this morning at the Magistral with reckless driving at Des Voeux Road West. The evidence was to the effect that the defendant knocked down a boy. No harm was done. The boy was sent to hospital, and was detained for two days with gravel rash. Defendant said that the boy went behind a tram, and he did not see him.

Owing to the conflicting nature of the evidence, the defendant was discharged.

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THE MURDER OF GEN. HSU-PAO-SAN.

YANGTZE, May 24th.

General Hsu Pao-san, the famous "Tiger Hat," was killed at his home in Yangchow this morning at fifteen minutes to eight by the explosion of a bomb.

Several days ago he had sent a trusted messenger to Shanghai to purchase a rare specimen for his porcelain and china collection. Last night a sealed package was presented at the General's door. It was understood that this was the expected relic, and that the messenger had been delayed. The box was one foot long and five inches deep, sealed, and addressed, intended for the General's own hand. Because of pressing business matters he did not open it until this morning. The raising of the lid set in motion the deadly machinery within, and a violent explosion immediately occurred.

The General was horribly mangled. A servant standing near was killed outright, his head being blown from his body. Another servant at some distance was badly injured. He was at once taken to the soldiers' hospital, but his present condition is not known.

For many months General Hsu has taken every precaution for his own safety, especially during the recent political complications. His murderers chose an ingenious method of assassination, showing an intimate knowledge of his personal affairs, by sending the bomb just at the time he was expecting the package from Shanghai.

To-night the city is quiet. The General's younger brother has assumed temporary command of the military forces here, and the soldiers seem to be under perfect control.

This past week General Hsu has incurred the special enmity of his political opponents by hiding up nine boats of soldiers on their way north from Yangchow until word came from President Yuan to let them pass.

President Yuan has been notified by telegram of to-day's tragedy. "N. C. Daily News."

Goldmines are being constructed in the German Concession at Tientsin for the Dairen Steamship Company which are estimated to cost over ¥1,000,000. Construction is to be commenced shortly and it is expected to have the goldmines ready for cargo before the closing of the port for this winter.

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